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Weekly Rice Price Update

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Report Highlights:

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Table 1: Export Prices (FOB) for various grades of Thai rice (USD/MT), Week ending August 14, 2012

Quality	Exporter Observations							Period Average	
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	CUR.	PRV.
F WR 100 B	1,060	-	1,060	-	1,000	1,030	-	1,038	1,038
WR 100 B	565	-	575	-	570	575	570	571	571
PB 100%	585	-	590	-	590	580	590	587	565
PB 5%	580	-	580	-	585	575	585	581	560
WR 5%	555	-	565	-	560	565	560	561	561
WR 10%	-	-	-	-	-	560	-	560	560
WR 15%	-	-	-	-	-	555	-	555	555
WR 25%	-	-	-	-	-	545	-	545	545
WR 35%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A1 SUP	510	-	-	-	510	510	-	510	510
A1 SPEC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Exchange rate: 31.4 baht/U.S.\$

Source: Average actual prices received from exporters

Export prices for most grades of rice remained unchanged, except for parboiled rice prices which increased 3-4 percent from the previous week due to tighter domestic supplies of paddy for parboiled rice production since some exporters are fulfilling outstanding contracts for parboiled rice to South Africa. Weekly pledging increased fourfold to 243,822 tons of paddy, compared to 61,095 tons in the week before last, as late off-season crop production is coming onto the market. So far, the MY2011/12 Paddy Pledging Program has pledged 16.9 million tons of paddy (roughly 11.2 million tons milled equivalent), of which 6.8 million tons are main-crop paddy (4.5 million tons milled equivalent) (Table 2) and 10.1 million tons are off-season crop paddy (6.7 million tons milled equivalent) (Table 3). Also, the Government is seeking the cabinet approval of a credit line of 260 billion baht (\$8.4 billion) for the coming MY2012/13 Pledging Program this week. The Government will probably have to provide additional loans to the state-run Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) for MY2012/13 Paddy Pledging Program as its stock release will likely be slow for the remainder of this

year due to the concern over the downward pressure on domestic prices. Presently, the BAAC has provided loans worth approximately 260 billion baht (\$8.4 billion) for the current MY2011/12 Paddy Pledging Program, of which 170 billion baht (\$5.5 billion) have been covered by loans from government banks other than BAAC.

Table 2. MY2011/12 Main-Crop Paddy Pledging Program (October 7, 2011 - February 29, 2012)							
Unit: Metric Ton							
Region	Number of Farmer	Amount of Paddy					
		Fragrant Rice			White Rice	Glutinous Rice	Total
		Homali	Provincial	Padthanthani			
North	990,415	912,852	269,552	2,750	1,465,654	230,461	2,281,909
Northeast	787,834	2,774,757	-	84	164,062	211,626	3,150,529
Central	154,816	-	65,872	12,968	1,266,425	-	1,344,665
South (Feb 1 - Jul 31, 2012)	4,945	-	-	-	22,780	-	22,780
Total	1,277,400	3,087,609	995,424	15,342	2,918,921	442,087	6,799,283
Note: As of October 7, 2011 - April 9, 2012							
Source: Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce							

Table 3. MY2011/12 Off-season Paddy Pledging Program					
Unit: Metric Ton					
Region	Number of Farmer	Amount of Paddy			
		White Rice	Padthanthani	Glutinous Rice	Total
North	459,282	4,239,414	5,861	204,063	4,449,338
Northeast	195,441	756,498	1	96,275	852,774
Central	394,067	4,714,554	118,764	-	4,833,318
South	1,408	11,188	-	-	11,188
Total	1,050,198	9,721,654	124,626	300,338	10,146,618
Note: As of March 1 - August 13, 2012					
Source: Department of Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce					

Rice Export Update

Unofficial rice exports (excluding fragrant rice) for August 6-12, 2012 totaled 84,875 tons, down 4,801 tons from the previous week, and down 8,647 tons from the four-week moving average of 93,522 tons. Exports of white rice and parboiled rice during January 1 – August 12, 2012 totaled 3,102,560 tons, down 49.7 percent from 6,170,456 tons in the previous year.

According to the Department of Foreign trade, Ministry of Commerce, total rice exports (including fragrant rice) during January 1 – August 8, 2012 amounted to 4,090,051 tons, down 45.7 percent from 7,538,572 tons in the previous year.

Table 4: Weekly rice exports (excluding fragrant rice)					
WEEK ENDING	QUANTITY	4-WK.AVG	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR AGO	YEAR TO DATE AS % OF LAST YEAR
	(MT)	(MT)	(TMT)	(TMT)	(%)
May 27	136,161	130,265	2,169	4,090	-47.0
Jun 3	79,184	118,852	2,248	4,325	-48.0
Jun 10	70,097	106,111	2,318	4,562	-49.2
Jun 17	77,910	90,838	2,396	4,775	-49.8
Jun 24	99,482	81,668	2,496	5,002	-50.1
July 1	100,306	86,949	2,596	5,208	-50.2
July 8	82,749	90,112	2,679	5,385	-50.3
July 15	49,526	83,016	2,729	5,576	-51.1
July 22	89,531	80,528	2,818	5,751	-51.0
July 29	110,006	82,953	2,928	5,916	-50.5
Aug 5	89,677	84,685	3,018	6,044	-50.1
Aug 12	84,875	93,522	3,103	6,170	-49.7

Note on data: Export figures since March 22, 2002, do not include fragrant rice. The authority to report fragrant rice exports was moved from the Thai Board of Trade to the Ministry of Commerce's Office of Commodity Standards, which does not release official fragrant rice export data. FAS/REK will report only official export numbers from the Board of Trade for non-fragrant and from the Office of Commodity Standards for fragrant rice when available, but the reader should bear in mind the difference between the data.

Source: Board of Trade of Thailand

Table 5: Weekly private registered rice export sales			
Movement (MT)	Jul. 23-27	Jul. 30 - Aug. 3	Aug. 6-10
Weekly sales	77,197	73,450	73,838
4 week sum	328,763	367,306	348,790
4 week mov. avg.	82,191	91,827	87,198
Year-to-date sales (excluding Apr. 9 - Jun. 29)	1,842,821	1,916,271	1,990,109

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